National Housing Policy

*377. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revamped version of the National Housing Policy would be presented to the Chief Minister's Conference;

(b) if so, whether this would be implemented along with national roll-out of the National Urban Renewal Mission for an orderly development of towns and cities;

(c) whether the Mission would provide over Rs. 5500 crores in the first year itself to meet gaps in housing and urban infrastructure which would be further stepped upto Rs. 10000 crore a year; and

(d) if so, by when it would be finally approved and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The draft National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy, 2005 has been prepared and circulated to Chief Ministers of all States

(b) As Housing is a State subject, the proposed National Urban Housing & Habitat Policy, 2005 would be of advisory nature with broad guidelines for the States to formulate their own housing Policy on similar lines.

The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) consists of two sub-Missions namely (i) Urban Infrastructure and Governance (ii) Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) for reforms driven, fast track, planned development of identified cities with focus on efficiency in urban instrastructure/services delivery mechanism, community participation and accountability of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)/Parastatals towards citizens.

(c) For implementation of the Sub-Mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor an amount of Rs. 1989.62 crore has been tentatively allocated as Central Assistance for State and Union Territory Plans for the year

2005-06. Releasing fund for the Mission is dependent upon the project proposals to be submitted by the States/UTs in accordance with the guidelines.

(d) The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been launched on 3.12.2005.

Uniformity in Education

*378. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for 'One Nation-One Education' in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the States where this system would be initiated first and by when;

(c) whether keeping in view the most thickly populated State of Uttar Pradesh, to what extent this system would be beneficial; and

(d) the financial aid to be given to the State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) there is no concept like 'One Nation-One Education' in the National policy on Education. Education is in the Concurrent List and the State Governments are free to devise their approaches and plans for Education. It is expected that all their initiatives will be within the framework of National Policy on Education. The National policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, envisaged a National System of Education based on the principles embodies in the Constitution. The concept of national System of Education implies that, up to a given level, all students, irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex have access to education of a comparable quality. The National System of Education envisages a common educational structure. The 10+2+3 structure has now been accepted in all parts of the country. The National System of Education also envisages a national curricular framework which contains a common core along with other components that are flexible.

The Higher Education is governed by UGC and various regulatory agencies set up by various Ministries. These agencies ensure uniform recognition of credentials and also quality.